

## New Jersey Department of Education and New Jersey Schools Development Authority Joint Broadcast

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## NJSDA and NJDOE Announce \$75 Million for Emergent and Capital Maintenance Needs

The New Jersey State FY2022 budget includes a direct appropriation of \$75 million to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority (SDA) to provide funding for projects related to emergent and capital maintenance needs. This funding is available to SDA Districts and Regular Operating Districts to address emergent projects as well as capital maintenance projects, especially for facilities costs to address COVID-19 concerns.

The funding is available to offset district costs associated with taking those important measures and ensuring students have safe and healthy learning environments. Districts can use these funds to offset appropriate project costs incurred this fiscal year.

Two documents are linked below:

- 1. A New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) chart identifying the <u>funding available</u> to your district for appropriate project costs;
- 2. A <u>Certification</u> to be signed by the District Superintendent or Business Administrator stating that the funds provided will be used by the district for an appropriate purpose, which includes a project listing form (Attachment A) for the District to identify project(s) for which the funds would be appropriately utilized.

We also want to provide you with the following Accounting Guidance from the NJDOE related to the utilization of the funds:

Funds for "SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance in School Districts" will be recorded in the Special Revenue Fund in new account number 20-3257, which will be included on new revenue line number 763. Expenses related to this funding will be recorded in Special Revenue Fund in new program code 492, in function and object codes applicable to the approved project, account numbers 20-492-xxx-xxx, new line number 88136. As with any recordation of fund utilization, the records maintained by the district are subject to audit. If you need any assistance accounting for these funds, please contact <a href="mailto:budget@doe.nj.gov">budget@doe.nj.gov</a>.

Upon submission to the SDA of a duly-executed Certification, the NJSDA and NJDOE will review the project(s) identified by the district on Attachment A to confirm that the scope represents an eligible emergent project and/or a capital maintenance project. After such confirmation, the NJSDA will provide the identified funds to the district through electronic transfer.

Please provide the Certification including Attachment A and Wire Transfer Account Information to NJSDA at: <a href="mailto:FY22Grant@njsda.gov">FY22Grant@njsda.gov</a> .
Questions regarding this process should be directed to NJSDA at <a href="mailto:FY22Grant@njsda.gov">FY22Grant@njsda.gov</a> .
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